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§ 410.629c Expedited appeals process; parties.

The parties to the expedited appeals process shall be the person or persons who were parties to the reconsideration determination in question and, if appropriate, parties to the hearing.

[40 FR 53388, Nov. 18, 1975]

§ 410.629d Expedited appeals process; agreement requirements.

(a)(1) An authorized representative of the Commissioner shall, if he determines that all conditions for the use of the expedited appeals process are met (see § 410.629), prepare an agreement for signature of the party (parties) and an authorized representative of the Commissioner.

(2)(i) Where a request for hearing has been filed, but prior to issuance of a decision a request for the expedited appeals process is filed, the Chief Administrative Law Judge of the Bureau of Hearings and Appeals, or his designee, shall determine if the conditions required for entering an agreement are met.

(ii) Where a hearing decision was the last action, or where a request for review is pending before the Appeals Council, and a request for the expedited appeals process is filed, the Chairman or Deputy Chairman of the Appeals Council, or the Chairman's designee, shall determine if the conditions required for an agreement are met.

(b) An agreement with respect to the expedited appeals process shall provide that:

(1) The facts involved in the claim are not in dispute; and

(2) Except as indicated in paragraph (b)(3) of this section, the Commissioner's interpretation of the law is not in dispute; and

(3) The sole issue(s) in dispute is the application of a statutory provision(s) which is described therein and which is alleged to be unconstitutional by the party requesting use of such process; and

(4) Except for the provision challenged, the right(s) of the party is established; and

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(5) The determination or decision made by the Commissioner is final for purposes of section 205(g) of the Act.

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§ 410.629e Expedited appeals process; effect of agreement.

The agreement described in § 410.629d, when signed, shall constitute a waiver by the parties and the Commissioner with respect to the need of the parties to pursue the remaining steps of the administrative appeals process, and the period for filing a civil action in a district court of the United States, as provided in section 205(g) of the Social Security Act, shall begin as of the date of receipt of notice by the party (parties) that the agreement has been signed by the authorized representative of the Commissioner. Any civil action under the expedited appeals process must be filed within 60 days after the date of receipt of notice (a signed copy of the agreement will be mailed to the party (parties) and will constitute notice) that the agreement has been signed by the Commissioner's authorized representative. For purposes of this section, the date of receipt of notice of signing shall be presumed to be 5 days after the date of the notice, unless there is a reasonable showing to the contrary.

[49 FR 46369, Nov. 26, 1984, as amended at 62 FR 38453, July 18, 1997]

§ 410.629f Effect of a request that does not result in agreement.

If a request for the expedited appeals process does not meet all the conditions for the use of the process, the Commissioner shall so advise the party (parties) and shall treat the request as a request for reconsideration, a hearing, or Appeals Council review, whichever is appropriate.

[40 FR 53388, Nov. 18, 1975, as amended at 62 FR 38453, July 18, 1997]

§ 410.630 Hearing; right to hearing.

An individual referred to in § 410.632 or § 410.633 who has filed a written request for a hearing under the provisions in § 410.631 has a right to a hearing if:

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(a) An initial determination and reconsideration of the determination have been made by the Social Security Administration concerning a matter designated in § 410.610;

(b) An initial determination denying waiver of adjustment of recovery of an overpayment based on a personal conference has been made by the Social Security Administration (see § 410.561a); or

(c) An initial determination denying waiver of adjustment or recovery of an overpayment based on a review of the written evidence of record has been made by the Social Security Administration (see § 410.561a) and the determination was made concurrent with, or subsequent to, our reconsideration determination regarding the underlying overpayment but before an administrative law judge holds a hearing.

[61 FR 56133, Oct. 31, 1996]

§ 410.631 Time and place of filing request.

The request for hearing shall be made in writing and filed at an office of the presiding officer, or the Appeals Council. Except where the time is extended as provided in § 410.669, the request for hearing must be filed:

(a) Within 60 days after the date of receipt of notice of the reconsidered determination by such individual. For purposes of this section, the date of receipt of notice of the reconsidered determinations shall be presumed to be 5 days after the date of such notice, unless there is a reasonable showing to the contrary; or

(b) Where an effective date (not more than 30 days later than the date of mailing) is expressly indicated in such notice, within 60 days after such effective date.

[41 FR 47918, Nov. 1, 1976]

§ 410.632 Parties to a hearing.

The parties to a hearing shall be the person or persons who were parties to the initial determination in question and the reconsideration. Any other individual may be made a party if such individual's rights with respect to benefits may be prejudiced by the decision, upon notice given to him by the Administrative Law Judge to appear at

the hearing or otherwise present such evidence and contentions as to fact or law as he may desire in support of his interest.

§ 410.633 Additional parties to the hearing.

The following individuals, in addition to those named in § 410.632, may also be parties to the hearing. A widow, child, parent, brother, sister, or representative of a decedent's estate, who makes a showing in writing that such individual's rights with respect to benefits may be prejudiced by any decision that may be made, may be a party to the hearing.

[37 FR 20652, Sept. 30, 1972]

§ 410.634 Administrative Law Judge.

The hearing provided for in this subpart F shall, except as herein provided, be conducted by an Administrative Law Judge designated by the Deputy Commissioner for Programs and Policy, or his or her designee. In an appropriate case, the Deputy Commissioner may designate another Administrative Law Judge or a member or members of the Appeals Council to conduct a hearing, in which case the provisions of this subpart F governing the conduct of a hearing by an Administrative Law Judge shall be applicable thereto.

[36 FR 23760, Dec. 14, 1971, as amended at 62 FR 38453, July 18, 1997]

§ 410.635 Disqualification of Administrative Law Judge.

No Administrative Law Judge shall conduct a hearing in a case in which he is prejudiced or partial with respect to any party, or where he has any interest in the matter pending for decision before him. Notice of any objection which a party may have to the Administrative Law Judge who will conduct the hearing, shall be made by such party at his earliest opportunity. The Administrative Law Judge shall consider such objection and shall, in his discretion, either proceed with the hearing or withdraw. If the Administrative Law Judge withdraws, another Administrative Law Judge shall be designated by